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CURRENCY devaluations have been so frequent in our life-time that we have come to consider them as the "normal" way of readjusting an official rate of exchange either to that prevailing in the free market or to what the authorities consider best suited to a country's economy. Revaluations, on the other hand, have been so few as to appear strange exceptions. Moreover, since Churchill's unfortunate revaluation of the pound sterling in 1925, which was held by no less a man than Keynes as a major cause of Britain's subsequent economic depression, upward adjustments of currency rates have fallen into disrepute. Basically the two operations are of course indistinguishable, for an upward move of one currency implies a downward move of all others as compared to it. The revaluation of the German mark, carried out under international pressure and only after a year-long delay is the perfect proof of this contention.

THE DM REVALUATION

Had the German authorities persisted in their opposition to this adjustment, the other countries would have been forced to the opposite measure in order to put an end to the excessive accumulation of German gold and foreign exchange reserves involving a drain of the other economies' financial resources due to the drawing power of the insatiable German capital market.

At the end of 1959 the net gold and foreign exchange holding of the Bundesbank amounted to $5,678m., about a quarter of the huge gold pile of the U.S., and not very much less than the American net reserves. By the end of 1960 the German holding must have risen by about 50 per cent, and while this has been due mainly to the large-scale withdrawal of funds previously held in dollars, other currencies have also felt this pressure.

Ten years ago such a migration of capital would have been obstructed by foreign exchange controls, while import controls would have held down the huge German export surplus of almost $2,000m. a year. But today both trade and capital movements have been practically freed, with the result that relatively modest disparities in prices, yields or interest rates can make themselves felt sharply.

It is certainly no coincidence that the DM revaluation has taken place less than a fortnight after ten countries — including Britain, all the "Six," Sweden and Peru — have formally re-established full convertability of their currencies for non-residents. Under these circumstances Germany could avoid revaluation of her currency only by adopting some other method for making the German market less compelling for foreign capitalists, such as by reducing the high German interest rates. This alternative was repeatedly rejected by the German credit authorities, lest cheap money give additional momentum to the already over-employed economy.

This hard money policy, which ultimately made revaluations of the DM imperative, has made the holding of marks (that is, loans to Germany) attractive for mere speculative reasons, and it is in order to put an end to this development that a move had finally to be made. As a matter fact a revalution of 5 per cent is much less than was expected by most speculators, and hoped for by the monetary authorities in other countries. Since the speculative motive has now spent its force, a large-scale profit-taking and withdrawal of the hot-money holdings from Germany will presumably take place, leading to at least a temporary relaxation of the DM pressure.

It may be presumed that the main beneficiary of this trend will be the dollar, which has already started to recover the confidence lost under the Eisenhower regime. Sterling also, which for a time was considered on the brink of devaluation, will be firmer, although the British problem is somewhat different, being more influenced by relative production costs in Britain and Germany. The Swiss franc, which has been another repository of hot money (particularly from African countries) may now feel the speculative breeze with increased intensity. The German move may thus be the first, but not the last, in the impending realignment of currencies which is but a corollary of the steady liberalization of the world economy.

Ben-Zvi Firm in Bid To Avoid Elections

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

Political activity concerning the Cabinet crisis yesterday still centred on President Ben-Zvi's appeal to all coalition parties to refrain from elections and reconstitute the Government in its former composition.

At yesterday's Cabinet meeting, Minister of Justice Pinhas Rosen explained what motivated the President's initiative and said that in his opinion Mr. Ben-Zvi did not exceed his authority when he made the statement at the joint meeting with all coalition parties last Thursday. Mr. Rosen also reported on his meeting with the President last Wednesday, when he confirmed Mr. Ben-Zvi's assumption that the President is still obliged under the law "to entrust a Member of the Knesset with the task of forming a government."

Mr. Rosen said it was reasonable for the President to asume this task should be entrusted to the Knesset Member who appears to have the best chances of forming a Cabinet. Some of the Ministers, however, were of the opinion that the President should have confined his initiative to the act of "entrusting the task" alone.

In any case the President is expected next Sunday to summon a Knesset Member, presumably from Mapai, and formally entrust him with the task of forming a Government. As Mr. Ben-Gurion has already informed Mr. Ben-Zvi that he is unable to accept the task, the President is likely to call on another Mapai M.K. — Finance Minister Levi Eshkol or Foreign Minister Golda Meir — who will have to renew negotiations with the coalition parties. In these negotiations they are expected to propose the formation of a government with Mr. Ben-Gurion as Prime Minister. Under the law the person who forms the government need not himself head the Cabinet.

Formal Announcement

Only after the President is officially informed of failure to form a government can he make a formal announcement to this effect, and report that the majority of the parties propose new elections as an alternative.

In his letter of reply to Herut yesterday the President, however, reiterated his view that all possibilities for the solution of the Government crisis, without resorting to elections, have not been exhausted. Mr. Ben-Zvi stated again that most Knesset factions are reluctant to call elections and prefer reconstituting the government in its present form (see below).

The observation in Mr. Ben-Zvi's letter that most parties also proposed that the largest Knesset faction be entrusted with the task, although they differed on the personal question of the premiership, appears to indicate that his appeal to the coalition parties was also directed towards Mapai.

Continuing his second round of consultations, the President yesterday morning received the Herut delegation, comprising Mrs. Esther Raziel-Naor, Dr. Yohanan Bader and Mr. Yosef Schofman. Mr. Bader proposed that the Herut leader, Mr. Menahem Begin, be entrusted with the task of forming a government that would comprise all present coalition parties except Mapai, and which would enjoy the support of the opposition as well. The Herut representatives made it clear that their party has no intention of joining such a Cabinet, which in their opinion should be formed only to prepare new elections.

The President did not accept this proposal, since in his opinion a new government should be formed only on a long-term basis and be capable of fulfilling the important tasks facing the State. The present caretaker Cabinet is fully authorized by the law to prepare elections and is perfectly capable of performing this task, Mr. Ben-Zvi explained. In a reply to a further question, the Herut delegation stressed that its proposal was aimed only at forming an "interim government" until new elections are held.

G.Z. Rejection

The Herut proposal was also rejected yesterday afternoon by the General Zionists representatives, Messrs. Peretz Bernstein and S. Z. Abramov, who said at their meeting with the President that new elections are the only solution for the present Cabinet crisis.

The President is today to conclude his second round of consultations at meetings with delegations of the three Arab parties, Agudat Yisrael, and the Communists.

Meanwhile, a group of Progressive Party members, headed by Mr. Yekutiel Federmann, is renewing personal pressure on Mr. Rosen to change his stand with respect to his personal participation in a Cabinet headed by Mr. Ben-Gurion. In a letter addressed to Mr. Rosen the Progressive leader is described as "the only person today" who still can save the country from elections and make it possible to form a government.

The Cabinet yesterday decided to postpone until next Sunday its discussion on the stand to be taken concerning the various Election Bills. Mr. Rosen, as well as several other Ministers, was of the opinion that under the circumstances the Government should not take any definite stand and leave the various Knesset factions free to make their own decision.

Ben-Zvi Rejects Herut Charges

President Ben-Zvi yesterday rejected Herut charges that he acted unconstitutionally in calling on coalition representatives to start a second round of consultations in his efforts to end the Government crisis.

In a letter to Messrs. Menahem Begin and Yohanan Bader, leading Herut M.K.'s, the President pointed out that he acted within the framework of the authority imposed on him and that this could not be regarded as "an interference in the operation of the legislative arm."

The Herut leaders had addressed a letter in this connection to Mr. Ben-Zvi on Friday. In his reply, the President quoted Section 9 of the 1949 Transition Law as justifying his action.

Chance of Solution

He said he took the step because "in the course of the consultations it became clear to me that there were prospects of a solution of the present Government crisis. Indeed representatives of parties which command a majority of the Knesset informed me that they would prefer a solution to the Government crisis by the establishment of a Government with the previous composition; some even favoured its expansion. "Most of the parties proposed that I should entrust the responsible task of forming a Government to the largest party in the Knesset, but differences of opinion arose in regard to the personal question of the Premiership."

"Since in my opinion all possibilities of solving the Government crisis without resorting to early elections have not been exhausted, it is my opinion that there is no justification for early elections. In my concern for the interests of the State I regarded it as my duty to make a last effort..."

Mapai Willing To Rejoin Coalition

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mapai is willing to carry out the President's appeal for a Government by re-establishing the former coalition, but without any conditions, the Mapai Secretariat announced here last night.

If other parties did not agree, Mapai was ready to establish a narrow coalition headed by Mr. Ben-Gurion and commanding a majority of the Knesset. If no narrow coalition can be formed there was no alternative to elections.

It was understood that this statement was issued in reply to rumours of a coalition Government headed by the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol. Mapai spokesmen say that the party is not willing to give in to pressure by other parties to replace Mr. Ben-Gurion as Prime Minister.

Questioned by a correspondent, Mr. Pinhas Lavon, former Histadrut Secretary-General, would say nothing cerning his plans. He has been visited by a stream of his friends and political supporters but their visits are described as purely personal.

Histadrut Asks Halt to Levies

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Central Committee yesterday urged the Government not to impose levies on essential consumer goods, and to take all steps to prevent cartels and agreements aimed at fixing prices.

Finance Minister Levi Eshkol told the Central Committee yesterday that the Government does not intend to establish a new price control system.

He said the recent price increases should cost a person of medium income no more than IL1 a month.

K IN SIBERIA

MOSCOW (AP). — Premier Khrushchev arrived in Novosibirsk yesterday to attend a Siberian agricultural conference, Tass reported. Mr. Khrushchev has been on his latest tour of Soviet farm regions since last Tuesday.

Applicants To US Peace Corps Swamp Office

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — President Kennedy said yesterday he hoped other industrialized countries would join the U.S. in sending young people to live and work with the peoples of undeveloped areas.

Explaining the role of his Peace Corps volunteers in a television interview with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of the late President, he said:

"There is throughout the free world community a great desire by young men and women to be of service and I hope this great asset can be tapped."

(The West German Foreign Minister, Dr. Heinrich von Brentano, said on television Saturday night that West Germany planned to set up a similar corps. About 1,000 young people had reacted "positively" to inquiries about such a scheme.)

President Kennedy — who yesterday appointed his brother-in-law, Mr. Sargent Shriver, 45, as unpaid director of the scheme — agreed with Mrs. Roosevelt that dedicated married couples who were unable to serve abroad could work in U.S. slums and depressed areas.

The President's call for volunteers has evoked such a response that the headquarters of the force has had to be moved to a larger office. Hundreds of applications have already been received — and a fresh avalanche is expected after the week-end.

Tentative plans envisage starting operations in about six nations in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Initial emphasis will be on getting volunteers with experience in health, agriculture and teaching. Only properly qualified people will be sent overseas.

U. S. Influence On Mark Denied

BONN (Reuter). — Professor Ludwig Erhard, Economics Minister, yesterday announced the upward revaluation of the mark by "about 4.75 per cent" with effect from today.

He told journalists in the Bonn Parliament building that the measure was not due to "the influence, not to speak of pressure, of the American or any other government." It was aimed at "strengthening the purchasing power of the deutschmark and maintaining the stability of price levels in Germany."

Professor Erhard said: "We have not taken this measure in order indirectly to avoid international commitments." West Germany stood by its commitments, in particular promises made during the continuing financial talks with the U.S. over aid to underdeveloped countries and defence contributions.

He confirmed the parity value of the mark will be four to $1 instead of 4.20. In terms of other currencies it would increase in the same ratio.

Mr. Franz Etzel, the Finance Minister, was asked if any compensation would be paid towards the increased cost to the Western Allies of maintaining troops here due to the revaluation.

"Our position has not changed," he replied.

West Germany has said she is ready to enter into multilateral talks within Nato on adjustments to the member's defence contributions. The increase cost to the U.S. for its troops here is expected to be about $30m. and for Britain about £3m.

Gold Drain Eases U.S. Visa Curbs

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The U.S has replaced a long questionnaire form, sometimes handed to visa applicants by consulates, in a move designed to increase tourism, a State Department spokesman said.

The form inquired into an applicant's morals and politics as well as asking his reasons for wanting to visit the U.S. The "loaded questions" have now been eliminated and the new form is a small one measuring three by five inches, the spokesman said Saturday night.

Promotion of tourism to the U.S. is one of a series of measures being undertaken by the Federal Government to reduce the balance of payments deficit and stem the outflow of gold.

Must Realize Nazi Evils, Luebke Says

FRANKFURT (Reuter). — President Heinrich Luebke yesterday called on the German people to make good the evils of the Nazi regime in the liquidation of European Jewry.

Speaking at the opening of the "Week of Brotherhood" held annually in West Germany to promote German-Jewish understanding, Dr. Luebke said the two peoples could only live together again if the Germans fully realized the extent of catastrophe Hitler brought to the Jews.

Canadian, Sudanese Troops Seized in Matadi Fighting

LEOPOLDVILLE (AP).—Nine Canadian U.N. signallers yesterday were presumed captured by battle-crazed Congolese troops as fighting raged again in the streets of Matadi.

The Canadians were believed to have been overwhelmed in their villa headquarters on a hill overlooking the local Congolese army camp. Mortar fire tore great holes in the building Saturday and signals from the Canadians stopped at 4 p.m.

Fighting alongside the Canadians were seven U.N. Sudanese troops who also were presumed captured, a U.N. spokesman said.

The gun battles which have raged in scattered parts of the town between Congolese and Sudanese troops since Saturday have so far cost the Sudanese seven wounded and seven missing, the spokesman said. Three of the wounded, including an officer, were in serious condition.

There was no immediate indication of Congolese casualties.

The main battle raged in the centre of town where Sudanese troops in their hotel Metropole headquarters exchanged fire with the Congo army headquarters across the street.

The 134-strong Sudanese garrison was reported running short of ammunition as the battle wore on through the day.

Lost Contact

Communications faded as the Sudanese radio sets were knocked out of action, and by late yesterday afternoon the Leopoldville U.N. headquarters said it had lost touch.

The last report was that fighting seemed to have died down again. Two truces had been arranged yesterday but both were broken after brief lulls.

Minister Justin Bomboko. Bomboko agreed to refrain from sending reinforcements from the army garrison at Thysville, halfway between Leopoldville and Matadi.

Reply to K's Note On Congo Shortly

Prime Minister Ben-Gurion is expected to reply soon to a Khrushchev note on the Congo situation, although he is not likely to elaborate on the subject.

Foreign Minister Golda Meir yesterday, in the absence of the Prime Minister, reported to the Cabinet on the note. She read the message to the Ministers but there was no discussion on the subject.

Premier Khrushchev's note, which calls for the formation of an African commission to supervise restoration of the Congo's independence, was handed to Mrs. Meir by the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Mikhail Bodrov, last week.

Congo 'Summit' Opening Today

TANANARIVE, Malagasy Republic (Reuter). — Congolese leaders are gathering in this island capital for a "Congo peace conference" beginning today to try to solve their country's crisis.

The big question here yesterday was whether Congo's President Joseph Kasavubu, and Mr. Antoine Gizenga, the pro-Lumumba leader in the Orientale Province, will attend.

Premier Moise Tshombe of Katanga Province and Mr. Albert Kalonji, leader of South Kasai, flew in to this Indian Ocean island, formerly Madagascar, together Saturday night, followed by Mr. Joseph Ileo, Prime Minister of the Leopoldville Government.

Local sources claimed President Kasavubu is due early this morning and there are rumours that Mr. Gizenga will also arrive today.

Malagasy opposition leaders issued a statement Saturday protesting against the island "becoming mixed up in the Congo affair." President Philibert Tsiranana of Malagasy did not answer the statement, but seized newspapers which published it.

Frenchman Chief U.N. Official in Katanga

ELISABETHVILLE (AP). — Mr. Ian Berendsen, chief U.N. representative in Katanga who left unexpectedly Wednesday, returned here Saturday night accompanied by his successor, M. Georges Dumontet.

Mboya Refuses Part In Kenya Gov't Now

NAIROBI (Reuter). — The Kenya African National Union (KANU) — biggest single party in Kenya's new Legislative Council — will not participate in the Government, "at this stage," Mr. Tom Mboya, the Party Secretary, said yesterday.

Mr. Mboya's statement follows a meeting on Saturday night of the newly-elected Kanu representatives, at which it was decided to ask the British Colonial Secretary, Mr. Iain Macleod, to visit Kenya as soon as possible.

The members want Mr. Macleod to review the situation in the light of the elections and the refusal by the Governor, Sir Patrick Renison to release Jomo Kenyatta, now living in restriction after serving a jail sentence for managing the Mau Mau terrorist organization.

Villagers In Lebanon Attack Convoy to UAR

A convoy of cars carrying Lebanese delegations to Damascus to celebrate the third anniversary of the UAR was attacked near Beirut yesterday. Security officials later seized 19 persons of Kahale village, eight miles east of the Lebanese capital.

It was announced that the Government "would act firmly" to ensure there was no chance of any interception of travellers in future. Security forces on the Beirut road were strengthened and cars were searched. Several persons were injured in the attack.

Premier Saeb Salam, who had just returned from Damascus where he conferred with Abdul Nasser on UAR-Lebanese relations, held an emergency meeting with security officials, some of whom left for Kahale to enforce the "stern measures" decided upon against those responsible for the attack.

Later Salam said "responsible leaders in the UAR and the Lebanon will not allow any crisis to be created between the two countries."

In Damascus, Nasser yesterday pledged that the UAR and the Lebanese people would maintain "Arab brotherly ties" in spite of "imperialism and imperialist agents." He was addressing the large Lebanese crowds that drove over from the Lebanon to greet him.

(UNA, Reuter, AP)

BOURGUIBA TO VISIT U.S.

TUNIS (Reuter). — President Bourguiba of Tunisia has accepted an invitation from President Kennedy to visit the U.S. official sources said here yesterday. The date was not announced but the sources said it was possible the visit would take place in May.

JORDAN TO TAIPEH ANTI-C.P. PARLEY

AMMAN (UPI). — Jordan yesterday accepted a Nationalist Chinese invitation to attend an anti-Communist conference in Taipeh in April. Jordan attended a similar conference last year.

French Agree to Quit Bases in Morocco

RABAT. — France's remaining military bases in Morocco are to be evacuated by October this year, two years ahead of schedule, under an agreement between the two countries announced yesterday.

The air bases at Fez, Agadir, Khouribga, Meknes and Marrakech are to be evacuated before October 1. This means French forces will be completely evacuated from Morocco by that date with the single exception of the naval air patrol station at Kenitra 30 kms. north of here.

The Kenitra station is located on the same site as the U.S. naval air station. Four U.S. airbases in Morocco are scheduled for evacuation by the end of 1963.

Moroccan officials said the agreement followed an approach made to President de Gaulle by Morocco's new King Hassan the Second, after his accession to the throne last week.

Details were thrashed out in secret negotiations between the two governments this week.

The agreement was announced to the nation by King Hassan in an unexpected broadcast yesterday after the first Cabinet meeting of the new reign had ended late Saturday night.

The Moroccan Information Minister, Mr. Moulay Ahmed Alaoui, told reporters the agreement was "warmly welcomed" by the people because the bases amounted to "military occupation" of Morocco.

Last Obstacle

He said the departure of the last French soldier would "remove the last major obstacle to normal cooperation and deep and sincere friendship between the two countries."

Announcement of the agreement served to improve relations between France and Morocco at a critical time when efforts are being made to open peace negotiations between France and the Algerian rebels.

Observers here said that the announcement would probably enhance the stature of the young King who came to power a week ago after the sudden death of his father, King Mohammed V.

Mohammed's Government had put pressure on France to hasten evacuation of the bases, which has been one of the top demands of Moroccan nationalists since Morocco became independent about five years ago. Hassan is not popular with left-wing politicians who have been in the forefront of the drive to get foreign military bases out of Morocco. (Reuter, AP)

Paris-FLN Talks Within 2 Weeks

PARIS (Reuter). — The first official meeting between France and the Algerian insurgents was yesterday forecast for the third week in March.

Reports from both Rabat and Tunis said that the insurgent regime is ready to negotiate with President de Gaulle, satisfied that he intends to make a settlement of what they called a "non-colonial nature."

The insurgent leaders are due to meet early this week to consider the basic questions that will have to be raised during negotiations, such as exploitation of the Sahara, the protection of the European minority in Algeria, and the continued presence there for some time of the French Army.

The Tunisian weekly "Afrique Action", generally believed to be well-informed on the insurgent views, said in an article due to be published today that their leader, Ferhat Abbas, is ready to release a number of French prisoners as a gesture to improve the atmosphere for negotiations.

Abbas left Rabat yesterday on his way back to Tunis.

TITO CONFERS WITH TOGO PREMIER

LOME, Togo (AP). — Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia conferred yesterday with Togo officials following his arrival from Ghana Saturday night on his African tour.

President Tito and Prime Minister Sylvanus Olympio held talks on current problems, particularly the maintenance of world peace.

Russians Shadow Polaris Depot Ship

HOLY LOCH, Scotland (Reuter). — Capt. Richard B. Laning, Commander of the Proteus, the Scottish-based Polaris missile depot ship, said here yesterday he had sent to U.S. naval headquarters in London pictures of a Russian trawler which "kept watch" on his ship for about half an hour last Thursday.

Cameramen aboard the Proteus took pictures of the trawler a few miles off the Irish coast, while the 9,700-ton tender was on her way here to establish a base for U.S. submarines with Polaris nuclear weapons.

Spotlight Still on Africa At Resumed UN Assembly Debate

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — Ministers and senior representatives of 99 governments were streaming into New York yesterday for the resumption of the U.N. General Assembly tomorrow.

At least one head of state will be on hand. President Nkrumah of Ghana, who is to address the opening session, principally on the Congo crisis.

Dr. Nkrumah's intervention is expected to launch a early, possibly immediate, full debate on the Congo. The problem was intermittently considered in the Security Council during the Assembly's 11-week recess.

In addition to the Congo other questions involving African nations will take up much of the Assembly session. They include:

- A U.S.-initiated programme for independence and development of Africa.
- A Czechoslovak-sponsored appeal for full support to "emerging states for strengthening their independence."
- Mauritania's membership application (vetoed by the Soviet Union in the Security Council).
- Race conflict in South Africa.
- The future of the Belgian-administrated trust territory of Ruanda-Urundi, which borders the Congo.

Agenda Cuts

Private talks were continuing over the week-end on the possibility of curtailing the Assembly's 38-item agenda.

A number of member governments are vitally interested in seeing some progress at the resumed session on the long-deadlocked problem of disarmament. But President Kennedy's statement last week that the U.S. had not completed its policy study of this question raised doubts whether any meaningful advance could be made now.

Other questions before the renewed Assembly session include:

- The financial crisis facing the world organization.
- Changes in composition of the Trusteeship Council now that so few trust territories remain.
- Relief work for Arab refugees, and
- Problems of divided Korea.

Israel Delegation To U.N. Announced

The composition of Israel's delegation to the 15th Session of the U.N. General Assembly opening Tuesday was announced in Jerusalem last night.

Mr. Michael Comay, Permanent Israel Delegate to the U.N., heads the mission. His deputy is Mr. Gideon Raphael, Assistant Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, who has been ill and will not leave till next week.

The members of the mission are Messrs. Arye Asher and Arye Ilan; deputy members are Mrs. Hava Hareli and Messrs. Michael Elizur, Shimshon Arad, Yehuda Horam and David Ramin. Messrs. Ephraim Lahav, Michel Shaham, Shaul Bar Haim, Eliezer Marom and Ovidio Gond, are joining the mission as counsellors. Mr. Uri Ra'anan will be press officer.

Teachers' Strike Forces Nearly Total High School Closure

Jerusalem Post Bureau

Ninety-five per cent of the country's 30,000 secondary school pupils began a forced holiday yesterday as their teachers launched a general strike to back up demands for wage increases.

A spokesman for the Association of Secondary School Teachers told *The Jerusalem Post* that all 1,500 members participated in the strike, closing down nearly 90 of the some 100 secondary schools in Israel. He said that some non-members also joined the strike — including two high schools in Petah Tikva (where half the teachers are not Association members) and the Bat Yam secondary school.

Although the strike has been called only for staffs of schools which award matriculation certificates (thus excluding agricultural and technical schools), the staffs of the Brandeis and Bazak technical schools in Jerusalem joined the strike, the Association spokesman said. Teachers of the Nautical College in Acre also struck, but made arrangements for their cadets to be employed on the practical subjects of their curriculum.

Asked about the possible length of the strike, the spokesman said "we have enough in our strike fund to carry us through to the summer holiday." He declined to indicate the amount, but said the Israel Academic Workers Association had contributed to it.

Meanwhile, consultations were held yesterday on several fronts in connection with the teachers crisis. Finance Minister Levi Eshkol reported to the Cabinet on the developments leading up to the strike and a meeting of the special Ministerial Committee on Teachers was held in the evening.

Mr. Eshkol also told the Cabinet meeting that Education Minister Abba Eban's present one-week trip to the U.S. on behalf of the U.J.A. was essential and could not be postponed.

The Ministerial Committee on Teachers includes Messrs. Eshkol, Eban, Josephthal, Rosen, Burg, Ben-Aharon, Barzilai and Deputy Education Minister Ami Assaf. It has not met for some time.

Lengthy consultations were held yesterday in the offices of the Ministry of Education in Jerusalem between Mr. Assaf and senior Ministry officials and representatives of the Secondary School Union (which represents the management of high schools). The Ministry spokesman announced the meeting "con-

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Arrangements For Matric Students

The Ministerial Committee dealing with the teachers' strike decided last night that the Ministry of Education should make all the necessary arrangements to enable matriculation students to take their examinations even if classes are not resumed.

The Committee also expressed the hope that the Secondary School Teachers' Association would find in the proposals put forward at Friday's meeting between the Association and Mr. Eshkol a basis for ending the strike and for continuing negotiations.

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Social & Personal

The President yesterday received a group of members of B'nai B'rith from the U.S. and Canada now on a tour of the country.

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The Danish Ambassador and Mme. Ove Kronmann will participate in the Denmark Day activities at the International Children's Book Exhibition at Yad Lebanim in Petah Tikva today. Petah Tikva has decided to mark the occasion by naming a street after Han Christian Andersen.

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The Governor of the Bank of Israel, Mr. David Horowitz, yesterday received Mr. Eduard Bonnefous, a Member of the French Senate, and Mr. Czeslaw Bobrowsky, Deputy Chairman of the Economic Council of the Polish Prime Minister's Office, who are visiting the country as guests of the Government.

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A farewell reception in honour of the outgoing French Consul in Haifa and Mme. Jean Binaud, was given by Archbishop George Hakim at his residence yesterday.

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The Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. Mordecai Ish-Shalom, on Thursday gave a dinner in honour of the delegation of Congregation Redfei Zedek, Chicago. Justice Shimon Agranat, Deputy President of the Supreme Court, was among those present.

On Friday evening, members of the delegation were guests at a reception at the Jerusalem home of Mr. Nahum Astar of the Foreign Ministry's U.S. Division, and Mrs. Astar. The Director-General of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, Dr. S. Z. Cahana, was host to the rest of the delegation at an Oneg Shabbat dinner at the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv.

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The Director-General of the Ministry of Finance, Dr. Ya'acov Arnon, and the Deputy Director of the State Revenues Administration, Mr. Ariel Arielli, conducted a briefing on Israel's financial and development policy for the 100-member delegation of the New England Region of the Zionist Organization of America on Saturday afternoon.

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Mrs. Olla Munk, of London, sister of the late Bezalel and Leib Jaffe, has arrived in Israel, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Ian Winterbottom, and Mr. Winterbottom, Managing Director of Vanesta, Ltd., and former M.P.

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The Jewish Agency yesterday held a Purim reception in Jerusalem for members of the Scranton, Pennsylvania, Hebrew Day School Tour Group now visiting Israel. They were welcomed by Mr. Moshe Usoskin, Director-General of the United Jewish Appeal, and Rabbi Morton Berman, Head of the English-Speaking Countries' Section.

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Among the guests at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre at Ein Karem yesterday, were a visiting group of U.S. Army medical officers and their wives; the members of the New England Z.O.A. group; 30 members of the Rodfei Zedek delegation, and the B'nai B'rith group.

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The Editor of "La'isha," Mrs. Hemda Moses, gave a reception at her home in Tel Aviv last night for Miss Gila Golan, Deputy Miss Universe, who was Miss Israel 1960.

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Mr. Ernest Fleishman, Secretary of the London Symphony Orchestra, will speak on Contemporary Music in Britain" at Beit Hamoreh, 92 Rehov Ariosoroff, Haifa, at 8.30 tonight.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service was held at the Nahariya Military Cemetery yesterday for the 47 who fell near Yehiam 13 years ago. After the service, wreaths were laid at the scene of the battle. Mr. Yisrael Galili, M.K. and Mr. Y. Shvat, for the parents, and the Secretary of the Ga'aton Regional Council, Mr. Y. Meir, spoke.

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Soviets Stand Firm on W. Berlin

BERLIN (UPI). — The Soviet Union has warned the West against using force to protect its position in West Berlin.

The Soviets said in a memorandum they would answer military action with military action if it came to a showdown on the isolated city.

They again insisted on the quick conclusion of a peace treaty with split Germany that would end Western allied rights in Berlin.

Western diplomats found the Soviet stand discouraging. They said it showed no readiness for compromise or a softening of the old Soviet stand.

West Berlin's Mayor Willy Brandt said the memorandum represented no change in Soviet policy on Berlin. He called the Soviet position unacceptable.

The Soviet stand was outlined in a memorandum to the West German Government published Friday night. It was handed to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer by the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Andrei Smirnov, on February 27.

The memorandum said it was possible to reach a "provisional solution of the West Berlin problem," but that such a provisional agreement would be valid only until a peace treaty was signed.

It added that if a peace treaty was not signed in a "fixed time" the Soviet Union would conclude a separate peace treaty with East Germany.

"That would mean the end of the occupation regime in West Berlin with all the attendant consequences," the memorandum said.

The memorandum stressed that the Soviet Union was not issuing an ultimatum on Berlin. No time limit was set for carrying out the Soviet proposals.

'Alarming' Flow Of E. German Refugees

BERLIN (Reuter). — The West German Minister for All-German affairs, Ernst Lemmer, said in a broadcast here there was cause "for real alarm" in the ever-increasing number of East Germans fleeing to the West.

He said 200,000 East Germans fled in 1960, or 38 per cent more than in 1959. In January and February this year 30,000 East Germans had fled, compared with 19,700 during the same months in 1960. That was an increase of 53 per cent.

"There is cause for anxiety that the ever-continuing stream of refugees will bleed out the human resources of the Soviet zone," he said.

There's Always A Middleman

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI). The State of California has ruled that a San Francisco prostitute may continue to collect disability insuraice while practising her profession.

The woman fell and injured her back while employed as a maid and began drawing $37.75 per week disability compensation. Despite the injury, the woman, 35, became a prostitute. She was arrested and convicted.

The insurance company complained to the Industrial Accident Commission that her earnings as a prostitute should be deducted from disability insurance compensation payments.

The Commission ruled last week that "this money could not be considered wages and ... the parties to an illicit act did not intend that the man should assume all the rights and duties of an employer..."

The Commission pointed out other problems.

"Do you list a prostitute as an employee or an independent contractor?" it asked.

Fiedler to Conduct IPO's First 'Pop' Concert

TEL AVIV. — The musical highlight of the official opening of the Sheraton-Tel Aviv next Monday will be the first "pop" performance of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Arthur Fiedler, conductor of the famous Boston "Pops" Orchestra for over thirty years. He is due in Israel tonight.

The performance will be a benefit for the Orchestra's Pension Fund, and all guest donors will be served champagne and refreshments at tables during the concert in old American "pop concert" fashion.

Weizman Meets French Air Chief

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Aluf Ezer Weizman, Israel Air Force Commander, is spending a few days here on his way back home from the Joint Palestine Appeal campaign in England and was received by his French counterpart, Gen. Stehrlin.

A dozen Generals and other senior officers attended a dinner given in Aluf Weizman's honour, in the presence of Ambassador Walter Eytan, on Friday.

The Israel Air Force chief took the opportunity to visit aircraft factories during his stay here. Expressing his admiration of the "extraordinary achievements" of French aviation.

Asked about the relative strength of Israel and Egypt in the air, he gave a rather reassuring if evasive answer. "There are certain things in which one nation excels while another does not. In aerial combat Israelis perform well while the Egyptians do poorly.

"Why is Israel good in martial activities where the challenge we face is 'to be or not to be?' As well ask, for instance, why Italy is splendid for the opera while Britain is not. Where the Egyptian Air Force is concerned though, we cannot be sure its pilots, undergoing thorough training in Russia and Czechoslovakia, won't improve. The ever-changing situation has to be constantly watched."

South Africans Win Golf Tournament

CAESAREA. — A recent immigrant from South Africa, Mr. George Berold, on Saturday won the second in a series of medal tournaments being held at the Caesarea Golf and Country Club. Mr. Berold beat the other 50 competitors with a gross score of 86 (with a handicap of 15, Mr. Berold thus had a net score of 71).

Runner-up was the Italian Ambassador, Count Giovanni Revedin, with a gross score of 94 (net 77). Third place was shared by Captain Sam Lewis of El Al with a gross score of 87 (net 78) and Mr. Fred Tingley, of the British Embassy, with a gross score of 93 (net 78).

Leading the women's division was another newcomer from South Africa, Mrs. Mazie Charlaff, with a score of 79. The first tournament held a fortnight ago was won by a woman, Mrs. G.W. Kittredge, wife of the U.S. Naval Attaché.

Among the many spectators were Lord Inman and Lord Henderson, British Labour Peers.

Sheffield U. Beats Newcastle, 3-1

LONDON (Reuter). — Results of Saturday's English and Scottish soccer matches were:

F.A. CUP
Sixth Round

Leicester City 0, Barnsley 0; Newcastle United 1, Sheffield United 3; Sheffield Wednesday 0, Burnley 0; Sunderland 1, Tottenham Hotspur 1.

League One

Aston Villa 2, Arsenal 2; Blackburn Rovers 1, Preston North End 0; Blackpool 5, Wolverhampton Wanderers 2; Bolton Wanderers 3, Cardiff City 2; Chelsea 3, Birmingham City 2; Everton 1, Fulham 0; Manchester City 1, Manchester United 3; West Ham United 1, West Bromwich Albion 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Division One

Airdrieonians 3, Aberdeen 1; Ayr United 1, Celtic 3; Clyde 3, Dundee United 1; Dundee 4, Dunfermline Athletic 1; Hearts 1, Motherwell 5; Partick Thistle 3, St. Johnstone 0; Raith Rovers 2, Rangers 3; St. Mirren 2, Hibernian 1; Third Lanark 0, Kilmarnock 1.

TECHNION PROF. TO U.C.L.A.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The head of the Technion's Solar Radiation Laboratory, Associate Professor Nathan Robinson, has been invited by the University of California in Los Angeles to serve as Exchange Professor and to help the University set up and develop a solar radiation laboratory. He will stay in the U.S. until the end of October.

ACCORD. — Ghana and Yugoslavia have signed a cultural agreement for the exchange of teachers, artists, students and sporting teams, it was officially announced in Accra.

CINEMAS

JERUSALEM
(3.30, 6.45, 9.45)

CHEN: L'Amerique Insolite
EDEN: The House of the Seven Hawks
EDISON: The African Lion
HABIRAH: Menschen im Hotel
JERUSALEM: The Gypsy
OR GIL: The Wonderful Country
ORION: From the Terrace (3.30, 6.30, 9.45)
OSNA: La Verite
RON: Commander Cody of the Universe (3.30, 6.30, 9)
SEMADAR: Vergiss mein Nicht
STUDIO: Auntie Mame (3.30, 6.30, 9.45)
TEL OR: I Like Mike (3.30, 6.30, 9.45)
ZION HALL: The Apartment

TEL AVIV
(3.30, 7.15, 9.15)

ALLENBY: The Ten Commandments (4, 8 p.m.)
ARMON DAVID: Mein Kampf (3.30, 7.15, 9.30)
BEN YEHUDA: Les Lacbes Vivent d'Espoir (3.30, 7.15, 9.30)
CHEN: Love and the French Women (3.30, 7.30)
EDEN: Street of Love (3.30, 6.30, 9)
ESTHER: Ben-Hur (3.30, 8); Two-Way Stretch (3.30, 7.15, 9.30)
GAT: Two-Way Stretch (3.30, 7.15, 9.30)
HOD: I Like Mike
MAXIM: Nuremberg Trial
MIGDALOR: Midnight Lace
MOGRABI: Let No Man Write My Epitaph (3.30, 7.15, 9.30)
OPHIR: Psycho (3.30, 7.15, 9.30)
ORION: Wie Ein Strauwind
PARIS: We Are Not Angels (3.30, 7.30, 9.30)
PEER: The Ten Commandments (4, 8 p.m.)
SHDEROTH: Houseboat
TAMAR: Saihi Ignoti (10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.15)
TCHELET: The Naked Maja
TEL AVIV: Legions of the Nile
YARON: Happy Anniversary
ZAFON: South Pacific (7, 9.30)
ZAMIR: The Defiant Ones
RAMAT GAN: Sons and Lovers (Matn. at 4)

HAIFA

AMPHITHEATRE: The Flying Fontaines
ARMON: Operation Amsterdam
ATZMON: Ben-Hur (3.30, 7.30)
EN DOR: Battleground (4, 8)

GAL OR: Riot in Juvenile Prison
MAY: The Ten Commandments (3.30, 7.30)
MIRON: Tall Story
MORIAH: Honeymoon
ORAH: Die Schwere Luegnerin
ORION: All the Young Men
ORLY: Traumreise (4.45, 9)
PEER: The Rough and the Smooth
TAMAR: Fun at the Zoo; Abbot and Costello in Hawaii (4 p.m.)

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An Appreciation: BLANCHE SHELLEY

The news of the death of Mrs. Blanche Shelley, at the age of 94, will revive for old residents of Jerusalem memories of the days of the British Mandate and of a Gentile family that had many friends among all communities in the city.

The news comes from her son, Dr. J. E. Shelley, at whose home in Brisbane, Australia, she died. In his letter, subscribing for a year's issue of *The Jerusalem Post* weekly edition, Dr. Shelley writes:

"As one of the few survivors of the British who entered Jerusalem on December 11, 1918 (with Allenby's army), my interest in Israel is unfailing, since Mr. F. Shelley, my father, died at my home in Cyprus, and my mother at 94 in Brisbane this year, the people of Israel have lost two devoted friends. As you know, my father devoted his life to the service of Israel in the Chamber of Commerce. But his deepest desire was that individuals and finally the nation should know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Messiah.

I first met Mrs. Shelley in 1928 in Alexandria Port. I was waiting for my wife returning from Europe. There was no shelter on the quayside from the blazing sun, so I was very grateful when two ladies called me over to their car, in which they, too, were waiting for the ship. While I was thanking them, the older lady suddenly said, "Young man, repent!" Somewhat alarmed, I wondered what word or glance of mine had deserved the admonition, until I realized that it was a general exhortation for myself and the whole Jewish people to prepare for the Second Advent, which would not be long delayed. The ladies were Mrs. Shelley and her daughter or daughter-in-law.

In subsequent years I saw much of Edgar Shelley. He was a tall, handsome man reminding one somewhat of a blonder, less florid Storrs. To him smoking and drinking were sinful and harmful, and if he came into your room and saw you with a cigarette he would stretch out his hand and take it out of your mouth. His feelings were so genuine, however, that one never resented it. He would bring leaflets, based largely on the Book of Daniel, whose prophecies he said were about to be fulfilled, as already shown in the modern Return of the Jews to the Promised Land and as about to be demonstrated in great troubles that were to sweep over the world, and in persecutions of the Jews, but finally in acceptance by them, survivors of Jesus, as their Messiah, and the Second Advent. But Edgar Shelley never intruded his beliefs on others. He did not have to, so certain was he of their truth. It was in the light of this faith that he testified in favour of the Jews before the Peel Commission.

While waiting for the glories ordained, Shelley served Jerusalem. He had been born in Lewes, England, in 1882 and emigrated in 1888 to Australia where he prospered as a tea and coffee merchant. Early in 1914 he retired from business with the intention of spending his remaining days in the Holy City. The outbreak of the First World War interfered with his plans until February 1918, when he came as representative of the British Red Cross Society. Then, when it was proposed to revive the Chamber of Commerce, which had existed in Turkish times, it was natural to turn to Shelley, himself a businessman and friendly with merchants of all races and faiths in Jerusalem. He was its first Honorary Secretary and then for many years its Honorary President.

My last contacts with the Shelleys certainly fitted in with their prophecies of troubled times. It was in 1948 in besieged Jerusalem. They were living then in Abu Tor suburb, having refused to leave the city when the rest of the English community left. The district was under constant bombardment from Arab Legion, Egyptian and Iraqi guns. Their neighbours, both Jews and Arabs, had gone. Only some Haganah soldiers were about. Food was scarce and difficult to get up to that isolated area. Their house had received several direct hits. Both the Shelleys were over 70, and he was seriously ill, almost bed-ridden. Mrs. Shelley asked me to get permission for the Arab girl who had stayed to look after them to remain. This was given, but in view of their frailness and the dangers of the place Mr. Menache Eliachar, the current President of the Chamber of Commerce, and I took advantage of the first truce to arrange for their removal to safer quarters. There they stayed happy to have been privileged to see that part of their faith confirmed — the creation of the State of Israel. Edgar Shelley's health, however, deteriorated to the extent that a leg had to be amputated. It was then thought best for him and Mrs. Shelley to join their son in Cyprus. There he died in 1951 at the age of 90. Now his wife has died on the centenary of his birth.

If Edgar and Blanche Shelley could see their city today, they would regret its division but they would rejoice in the New Jerusalem, the Capital of Israel.

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ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
427, 250.4, 249 & 239 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.00, 7.00 and 7.58 a.m., 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00 and 10.00 p.m.

English: 2.00 p.m. French: 2.15 p.m.

6.00 a.m. Religious Service (R) 6.10 Musical Clock 6.30 Exercises 6.40 Musical Clock 6.58 Announcements 7.17 Morning Melodies 8.00 Close Down.

11.00 Announcements 11.01 Popular Concert: Works by Delibes, Saint Saens & Dvorak 12.00 Women's Programme 12.30 Hebrew Songs 12.45 Lunchtime Music 1.20 Messages to Immigrants 1.45 Where to Go? 2.30 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Special Programme for Tourists presented by Y. Lev. 5.00 Announcements 5.06 Torah Lesson 5.26 Israel Tunes 5.30 Youth Corner 6.00 "Regavim" — Agricultural Bag 6.30 Josef Tal Sonata for Piano played by L. Graneiman. Commentary by N. Mishori 7.20 The Week at U.N. 7.35 Cantoral Request Programme 8.00 The Week in the Cinema 8.20 "On the Agenda" 8.45 Bible Reading: Tehezke'el chaps. 36 & 38 9.15 Newsreel 9.30 "Curtain Up" 10.30 "A Moment of Poetry" 10.32 Avraham Bornstein (Viola) & Alexandra Melamed (Piano) Eckles: Sonata. Millhaud: Sonata No. 2. 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
440, 422.5 & 202.7 M.

Commercial Programme.

5.00 p.m. News 5.06 Opening 5.08 Tunes and Melodies 5.40 Oriental Songs 5.58 News and Weather Forecast 6.00 New Records 6.15 "What the Cat Saw" Sketch 6.30 Close Down. 9.30 Opening 9.31 Entertainment Programme 10.15 "A Matter of Taste" 10.45 Quiet Music 11.00 News 11.10 Close Down.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR:
Rumanian, 6.45 Hungarian 7.00 French 7.30 Ladino 8.00 Moghrabit 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew 8.30 Yiddish 9.00 News in English 9.15 Polish 9.29 Close Down.

ARABIC PROGRAMME
497 & 41.7 M.

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Programme to the U.K.: 10.15 News 10.25 Newsreel 10.35 Entertainment Programme.

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7.15-7.45 News, News Comment, Art & Literature.

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7.45 a.m. The Coca Cola Programme 8.00 Melodies & Memories 8.30 Housewives' Choice 9.00 Miniature Concert 9.30 Strange Last Words 9.45 Piano Playtime 10.00 The Melody Dance Band 10.30 Edmundo Ros 11.00 The Final Year 11.15 Light Music 11.30 Women's Magazine 12.00 Midday Melodies 2.15 p.m. "The Name is Shane" 2.30 Monday Matinee 4.45 The Lanitis Programme 7.15 I Love a Mystery 10.00 Confidence Man 10.15 Stars of Songs 10.35 Pursuit.

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Yad Vashem: Martyrs and Heroes Memorial Authority. Har Hazikaron. Conducted tour (English) of the buildings and exhibition, 10-12. Open till 4 p.m.

• Exhibitions: —
Archaeological Museum Department of Antiquities, 35 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. New exhibitions: Tel Mor excavations. Memorial Exhibition: Bezalel Ravani Surveys and Excavations. Exhibit of the month: Gold treasure from Caesarea. Permanent Antiquities Exhibition.

"Israel Today": permanent exhibition, Binyanei Ha'ooma, 10-1, 4-6.

Bezalel National Museum. Permanent exhibition of Jewish Ceremonial Art. Archaeological objects. Paintings by Yigael Tumarkin (Israel-Paris). "Joy in Shushan" Purim Exhibition. Graphics by Kaethe Kollwitz. Glass, Ceramics and Textiles (from Museum collection), 9-1, 2.30-5.

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Rina Gallery, 13 Rehov Shlomzion Hamalka. Tel 23939. Israel's Progressive Artists Studio. Rina Marlene Sellers, 9-1, 4-7.

• Zoo: —
Jerusalem Biblical Zoo: 8-5.30.

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• Exhibitions: —
Ancient glass and findings at King Solomon's Mines (Beno Rotterberg's excavations). Museum Ha'aretz, 10-5.

Dizengoff House, General 1961 Exhibition of Israel Artists, 10-1, 4-7.

Tel Aviv Historical Museum, Beit Shenkar, 26 Rehov Bialik, 9-1 (excepting Mondays, Saturdays and festivals).

"The Human Touch" — exhibition of 300 years of sculpture, selected from the Samuel Dubiner Collection. On display at Galerie Israel, 63 Ben Yehuda Street, from March 5 to April 5. Hours: 10-1, 4-10. Saturdays, 7-10 p.m. Proceeds to Ilanshil Polio.

HAIFA

• Paris Sur Glace: —
Paris (Hamra) Sq., 4.30, 8.30 p.m.

• Exhibitions: —
Museum of Japanese Art, 89 Shderot Hanassi, Mt. Carmel. New display: Japanese folk art, 10-1, 4-7.

Edit Rosenberger — Sommerfeld exhibition, opening today, "Gallery of Plastic Art" exhibition, Artists' House, 24 Sderot U.N., 10-1, 4-7.

Israeli paintings (selected from Museum collection). Municipal Museum of Modern Art, Rehov Bialik, 10-1, 4-7.

Ethnological Museum, 19 Rehov Arlosoroff. 1. Ethiopia—Profiles and Folklore. 2. Hungarian Folk Art. Exhibit of the month: "Pardon—Brooch" from Brittany, 10-1, 6-8.30. Closed Mondays.

Electricity in Industry and Home. Exhibition Centre, Mar. 5 — Apr. 5, 1961; Beit Hakranot, daily, 10-1, 4-7. Tuesday open until 9 p.m. Friday — until 1 p.m. Entrance free.

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Soloist:
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(Flute)
(Series "2", "3" & "4")
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Sun., Mar. 19 — 9.15
Mon., Mar. 20 — 8.30
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WEST-SIDE STORY
Additional Performances in Jerusalem
Since all tickets have been sold for the performance on Sunday, March 12, 1961, the company will give an extra performance for the Jerusalem public on the same day at 6.15 p.m. at Binyanei Ha'ooma. The sale of tickets for the additional performance begins tomorrow at Cahana's.
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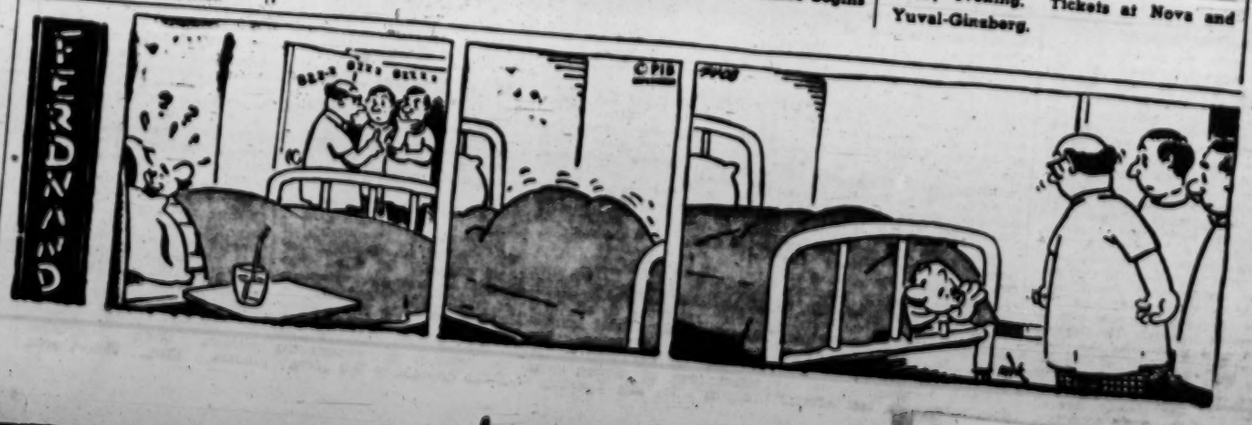

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The Weather

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	A	B	C
Mt. Canaan	59	5—14	6—15
Tiberias	37	8—22	8—21
Nazareth	57	9—16	9—17
Haifa Port	62	8—18	8—20
Netanya	58	10—20	9—20
T.A. Kirya	63	9—20	8—20
T.A. Port	68	10—17	9—19
Lydda Airp.	58	6—19	6—20
Jerusalem	58	6—15	8—14
Beersheba	49	7—19	7—20
Eilat	37	11—28	9—23

A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Yesterday's Temperature range. C) Today's Temperature forecast.

ARRIVALS

Dr. George S. Wise, Chairman of the Hebrew University's Board of Governors, and Mrs. Wise.

Col. Robert Henriques, of London, author of "100 Days to Suez," for a private visit (by El Al).

Dr. Thomas Dublin of the U.S. National Health Institute, for talks with Israel research workers (by El Al).

DEPARTURE

Dr. Dov Joseph, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, to attend the meeting of the Committee of 21 in New York and on a month's fund-raising tour of several Latin American countries, accompanied by Mrs. Joseph (by El Al).

Parents' Unit Condemns Strike

TEL AVIV. — The Chairman of the Parents' Committee, Mr. Haim Kossovsky, yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Committee is unequivocally opposed to the strike, which it considers to be "completely unjustified."

The Committee met with Mr. Abba Eban, the Education Minister, before he left for the U.S. on Thursday, and suggested that if the secondary school teachers struck, graduates not working as teachers should be co-opted to teach at least matriculation classes. Mr. Kossovsky said the Committee now intends to ask the Education Ministry to implement this suggestion.

Teachers

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sidered the situation which has been created following the strike in the secondary schools," and that representatives of the Ministry and the Union would meet again "after other meetings on this question are held with various factors."

The Union has in the past acted as a "go-between" in questions involving the secondary school teachers and the Government, and may do so again.

Senior high school students in Jerusalem, whose matriculation examinations are only a few months away, have scheduled a protest meeting at 11 this morning in Gan Hamenora. Their representatives last night called on Mr. Avraham Katz, of the Association's Executive, who said their request for continuation of studies could not be met by the Association.

The Association spokesman pointed out yesterday that the demand for wage increases related only to persons with academic degrees, which meant 80 per cent of the Association's members. He said only about 300 of the country's approximately 18,000 elementary school teachers held university degrees, so that the cost to the Treasury would not be excessive—unless the present link between the salaries of elementary and secondary school teachers remains unchanged.

The Association's Executive is due to meet in Tel Aviv this morning to discuss the progress of the strike.

JERUSALEM RATES SLATED TO RISE 8-11 PER CENT

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An increase of eight to 11 per cent in Jerusalem's Municipal rates (arnona), to help the Capital's IL20m. budget for the 1961/62 fiscal year, was recommended by the Municipal Finance Committee yesterday.

The rates increase will not cover the IL3m. increase over the current budget, and the rest of the money would be raised through charging higher fees for building licences; stepped-up collections; forcing the payment of outstanding debts, and increased aid from the Government.

The rates in certain quarters inhabitated predominantly by new immigrants with low incomes will not be raised.

The Opposition members attended yesterday's meeting of the Finance Committee, but did not criticize the proposed budget or any of its items. It is learned that they did so in order to familiarize themselves with the material in preparation for the Council's debate on the budget, which will probably take place on Wednesday.

The Opposition members last week protested that they were being ignored in the preparation of the budget, the Municipal Executive having announced its approval of the budget even before it came before the Council.

HAIFA OPPOSITION WALKS OUT ON BUDGET DEBATE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA.—The City Council debate on the draft budget for 1961/62 got off to a bad start last night, with the entire Opposition—General Zionists, Herut, Ahdu Ha'avoda and Mapam—walking out before Deputy Mayor Moshe Flieman could read a ten-page survey on the city's housekeeping.

They withdrew in protest against the deviation of the City Executive from the practice of setting up a special budget committee which in the past always included members of both the Coalition and the Opposition. The Opposition councillors declared that they would not assume responsibility for a budget in whose preparation they had not participated.

Mayor Aba Khoushy rejected a proposal that a budget committee be set up even now, saying that the law charged the Mayor with preparing the budget and laying it before the Council. He said that no budget committee had been set up this year, because of the delay resulting from the fruitless negotiations with the Ministries of Interior and Finance for increased Government grants.

The proposed budget amounts to IL28.6m., which is IL5.2m. gross more than the current budget.

After the walk-out, Mr. Flieman read his survey before Coalition councillors only, including eight of Mapai (the ninth, Ya'acov Taorfaty, who was convicted of bribery last month, yesterday submitted his resignation from the Council), one of the Progressives and one of Poalei Agudat Yisrael.

IL4m. Needed

The city faces the problem of increasing revenue by IL4 m. in the next fiscal year. Part of the increase is due to "natural" causes, like the rise in the cost-of-living seniority allowances and upgradings, which together account for IL800,000. The city will also spend IL600,000 on slum clearance, IL1,250,000 more on education, IL250,000 more on social welfare, IL250,000 on expansion of the Rothschild city hospital; IL120,000 more on street lighting and IL75,000 to start the city theatre on its career. A further IL250,000 increase is to be used for buying real estate, and IL600,000 more for repayment of loans and for interest.

Haifa's financial situation was satisfactory, with indebtedness barely coming up to on year's budget figure, while throughout the world an amount equivalent to twice two budgets was considered reasonable, Mr. Flieman said.

All four types of city taxes are to be increased to balance the IL4m. net increase: (1) the General Arnona on dwellings and shops; (2) the property tax on buildings; (3) the property tax on plots; and (4) the business tax.

Maximum Increase

The maximum increase in the general Arnona will be 16.7 per cent, with the slum areas exempted altogether. The General Arnona on business premises will rise by 15 per cent.

The property tax will be increased by 27 per cent of its assessed value for one-room flats, by 28 per cent for 1½-rooms, and by 30 per cent for larger flats, except for persons whose income depends entirely on rent from their property.

The tax on plots will in no case rise by more than 50 per cent over that of this year, even if the assessed value had gone up much more. The maximum increase in the business tax would be 15 per cent.

The Deputy Mayor also cited figures showing that the Municipal staff was smaller today than it had been ten years ago.

T.A. Budget Up By 14.2 Per Cent

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A municipal budget of IL101m. for 1961/62 — increase of 14.2 per cent over the current year's IL88.4m. — was yesterday presented to the Municipal Council.

The Council will vote on the budget next Sunday, after discussing it once more on Thursday.

It involves increases and a redistribution of Municipal rates (Arnona) which, according to Mayor Mordecai Namir, "is nothing less than a social and fiscal revolution."

The budget increase is due to the expansion of municipal services, a rise in wages and reserves for wage fluctuations, growth in repayment of loans, and a strengthening of the general reserves for activities of municipal departments, Deputy Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz, Chairman of the Finance Department, told the Council.

The ordinary budget amounts to IL72m., which is 20 per cent higher than the current one.

The extra IL11.8m. of the ordinary budget will go for: rising costs, IL1.1m.; reserve for wage fluctuations, IL1.5m.; general reserve for activities of departments, IL530,000; amortization fund and renewal of equipment, IL450,000; increases for health, education and welfare, culture and youth activities, IL2.4m.; increases for other departments, IL420,000; repayment of loans, IL5.4m.

Income Itemized

By means of higher rates and higher assessment, the property tax on vacant lots will bring in IL3.5m. as against IL1.7m. This tax is now 4.5 per cent of the ratable value of the lot. Under the new budget, the rate will be the same on property not worth more than IL15,000 a dunam; 8 per cent on property valued at IL15,000-IL50,000 a dunam; and 5.25 per cent on that worth more than IL50,000 a dunam. In no case would the new tax assessment be more than twice that of the current year.

Mr. Rabinowitz noted that assessment of plots in Tel Aviv has not been revised for many years, and now had no relation to real market values.

There will be no tax increase for owners of flats—excluding those in new buildings — in the suburbs and working class quarters. This category accounts for nearly a quarter of all housing units.

There will be no tax increase for small businesses whose 1960/61 tax was not more than IL75. This includes 80 per cent of all businesses.

For the remaining 6,000 businesses, there will be a tax increase of about 30 per cent. Mr. Rabinowitz announced that a public committee would soon examine the principles on which the business tax is based.

T.A., Transport Min. Fight Suit on Railway Line

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv Municipality and the Transport Ministry yesterday filed defence briefs in the District Court in a suit brought by two men who claim the right to lay the railroad line between the Tel Aviv North and Tel Aviv South train terminals.

According to the Transport Ministry, the plans drawn up by Messrs. Yosef Panta and Julius Salpeter, — on which they base their suit — were of the most preliminary kind, and do not entitle the plaintiffs to the construction contract. The Municipality admits that the plans were embodied in a model of the city shown at the Tel Aviv Jubilee Exhibition, but declares that it was within its rights in adapting the plaintiffs' plans without seeking their permission.

On the basis of an agreement signed in 1951, Messrs. Panta and Salpeter demand that the construction job be assigned to them, and that the Ministry and the Municipality be barred from using their plans without their permission. *(Itim)*

Eight Jerusalem Shoe Demonstrators Arrested

Eight workers of the Jerusalem Shoe Company were arrested yesterday during a demonstration of the locked-out workers near the Jerusalem Histadrut headquarters in Rehov Straus.

Several dozen workers took part in the demonstration yesterday morning, demanding either financial support or the resumption of work.

Histadrut officials called the police, and after the demonstrators ignored policemen's orders to disperse, the police dispersed them forcibly. The eight arrested were later released on bail.

Cabinet Ratifies Customs Pact

POST Political Reporter

The Cabinet yesterday ratified Israel's signing of the customs agreement concerning the temporary import of packaging materials.

The agreement was first proposed in Brussels last year by the International Council for Customs Cooperation. It provides for the temporary import without customs duties of packaging materials for export and import goods on condition that these materials are returned abroad after a certain period. The agreement is to apply only to goods that have not been brought in under a purchase contract.

Swiss Jews to Back Jerusalem Civic Body

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jewish communities in Switzerland have agreed to give their "wholehearted support" to the Lema'an Yerushalayim (Pro-Jerusalem) Society.

This was stated in Jerusalem yesterday by Mr. M. Shenhabi, Secretary of the Society. The Swiss Communities were the first national group contacted.

Mr. Shenhabi, who was reporting on the Society's first year of activities, said that plans were afoot to turn Jerusalem into a printing centre for world Jewry.

Dayan, Ben-Aharon For Fund-raising Tours

POST Political Correspondent

The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Moshe Dayan, is to leave for the U.S. this week on a month's lecture tour on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal and the Bond Drive. The Minister of Transport Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, is to leave shortly for a 10-day U.J.A. tour of Switzerland and Holland.

Both trips were approved yesterday by the Cabinet, which decided that the Minister of Labour, Dr. Giora Josephthal, will be Acting Minister of Agriculture during Mr. Dayan's absence and that the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Pinhas Sapir, will be Acting Minister of Transport during Mr. Ben-Aharon's absence.

Dr. Josephthal is to begin a 10-day rest leave today.

EBAN ADDRESSES BOND CONFERENCE

MIAMI BEACH (Reuter). — Mr. Abba Eban, the Israel Minister of Education and Culture, on Saturday night addressed the Inaugural National Conference for Israel Bonds here.

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, chats with his opposite number from Liberia, Mr. Charles Sherman, on the latter's arrival at Lydda Airport on Saturday for a four-day visit. (Photo by Karmasin)

Bureau 06 Sums Up

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — If there were 20 more Nazis in Israel, "we could put them on trial on the strength of the material we have gathered in the Eichmann case," Nitzav Avraham Selinger, who headed Police Bureau 06, said yesterday after the Bureau was officially disbanded.

He told a press conference for foreign correspondents that after the material has been read into the court records, "we shall certainly make no secret of the papers we gathered, and shall make them available to any interested friendly government."

Earlier, Nitzav Selinger and Sgan-Nitzav Hofstaedter gave details of their work to the local press at Camp Iyar, where Eichmann has been held.

Sgan-Nitzav Hofstaedter said that when the unit was formed, "we did not really know how to go about our work."

To this, Nitzav Selinger added: "The work was like a bottomless pit. We could have gone on for a long time, but we had to stop somewhere."

The Bureau questioned, or received sworn statements from, 120 witnesses, three quarters of them Israelis. Many of them will probably be heard at the trial. No former Nazis were questioned, although the Bureau has the evidence given at their trials.

Germany Not Visited

No Bureau members visited Germany, although the Bureau was in contact with German sources through the Israel Mission in Cologne. The officers were each deputized to cover the area of Europe with which they were most familiar, in which the Nazis had committed their crimes.

The interrogation of Eichmann himself took about seven months, and was carried out by Chief Inspector Avner Less, a native of Berlin. Eichmann was warned in the usual way, and the statements were recorded on tape only after he agreed to this procedure. Each page was later transcribed and signed by him.

Yesterday, technical workers were still busy photostating Eichmann's written statements. The page was open where he wrote: "At the outbreak of the Russian War, Himmler strictly forbade the emigration of any more Jews."

Accident Victim Fined For Careless Driving

PETAH TIKVA. — A motorcycle driver who was seriously injured in the leg when his motorcycle overturned here last November was yesterday fined IL100 and had his licence suspended for one year by the Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court for careless driving.

The accident occurred when the rider, Ovadia Ashul, of Rosh Ha'ayin, heard a noise behind him. When he turned his head, the motorcycle hit the curb and overturned. Shlomo Gubani, who was riding pillion, was also injured.

PRATT TO S. AFRICA

Mr. Simha Pratt has been appointed Minister to South Africa. He was Consul-General in New York from 1957 to 1960, when he was named Director of the Foreign Ministry's Department for International Institutions.

Eichmann Counsel, Judges Meet Today

Technical matters related to the Eichmann trial are to be discussed at a meeting of counsel and court this morning in the Jerusalem office of Justice Moshe Landau, President of the three-man panel of judges which is to try Eichmann.

Mr. Gideon Hausner, the Attorney-General, and Dr. Robert Servatius, Eichmann's Defence Counsel, or Dr. Servatius' assistant, Mr. Dieter Wechtenbruch, will be present.

Among the matters expected to be discussed are the number of days each week the court will sit; the question of Sunday sessions; the length of sessions; the question of allowing photographers in the courtroom, and the preparation of the trial proceedings in several languages.

Cameramen Drop Claim Against Capital Cities

Six local motion picture cameramen on Sunday withdrew their request to the Jerusalem District Court that they be allowed to photograph the Eichmann trial proceedings.

They had protested to the court against the granting of an exclusive concession to the Capital Cities Television Company. They dropped their request after talks with a Capital Cities representative, in which they were persuaded that they have a good chance of being taken on as part of the local technical staff.

An earlier application to the High Court for an order aiming against the Government was rejected on the grounds that only the trial court can rule on photographic coverage within the courtroom.

Three Ships Officers Fined for Smuggling

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA.—Three senior officers of the m.s. Yehuda were fined by the Haifa Magistrate's Court on Friday for trying to smuggle coffee and perfume and making false customs declarations.

Zvi Komet, 24, purser, was fined IL1,000, with the alternative of six months' jail; Reuven Ron, 35, first officer, was fined IL1,000, and the third officer, Jose Fickman, 28, of Spain, was fined IL250.

The three men were arrested shortly after the ship docked on Thursday.

Suspicions of the customs authorities were aroused when they found 200 kilograms of Brazilian coffee registered as "ship's stores."

The Transport Ministry's Commissioner of Shipping, Captain Ze'ev Hayam, yesterday disqualified Ron, who holds a Captain's ticket, and Komet from further service in Israel's merchant marine.

AN APPOINTED commission took over the administration of the Druze village of Yirka on Friday, after its elected Local Council was paralyzed for the past 14 months by inter-clan strife.

Coca-Cola Sues Tempo Company

TEL AVIV. — Coca-Cola yesterday filed suit here against a local soft drinks manufacturer for infringing on its trade mark.

In its suit, lodged in the Tel Aviv District Court, Coca-Cola charges that the Tempo Company has been marketing a drink called Tempo Cola and advertising it as "just like American 'cola'." The American firm charges that Coca-Cola is known throughout the world, and that Tempo's use of the word "cola" is an infringement of its trade mark.

The company asked the court that Tempo pay royalties, to be determined by the court, on every bottle of "cola" drink sold since production began in August, 1960.

(Another "cola" drink is manufactured in Israel by the Priman company.)

Tempo has not yet replied to the case. *(Itim)*

'Sugar Ray' Fails In Comeback Bid

LAS VEGAS, Nevada (Reuter). — Sugar Ray Robinson, 40-year-old "King of the Comeback," failed here on Saturday night in his attempt to win the world middleweight boxing title for the sixth time.

He was beaten on points by Gene Fullmer, the holder, in their 15-round battle for the National Boxing Association's version of the title.

The verdict in favour of Fullmer, a 29-year-old Mormon mink farmer, was unanimous. The referee and two judges both put him ahead at the end of a savage brawling fight.

There were no knockdowns in the tough, mauling bout, which could conceivably have ended the ring career of the colourful veteran of 156 fights spanning 20 years. —Robinson was unable to stem the fury of the Utah brawler or to land the big knockout punch he seemed to be seeking, though he occasionally stung the champion with a solid blow.

Tangle of Gloves

During much of the bout the fighters were locked together in a tangle of gloves, with Fullmer getting the better of it. Robinson, once a master tactician and considered pound-for-pound the best boxer in the world, was forced to copy Fullmer's brawling style.

Both boxers were cut over the left eye during the fight, and at the end their white trunks were spattered with blood.

It was the fourth clash between the pair. Fullmer won on points early in 1957. Robinson evened the score with a fifth-round knock-out later in the year, and they boxed a draw last December.

BEN-AHARON REPORTS ON ASHDOD CONTRACT

The Minister of Transport, Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, yesterday reported to the Cabinet on the award of the contract for building Ashdod harbour.

The job was won by a group consisting of Solel Boneh and four French construction companies headed by the Societe Generale des Travaux Publiques. Their bid was $30.3m.

B.G. Asks U.S. Youth To Come to Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion last night issued a call to American Jewish youth to come to the Negev. He was speaking at the opening session of the tenth anniversary convention of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel.

A $25,000 gift by Mr. Moshe Jacobson towards the building of rental housing to help North American immigrants was announced.

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Contracts Signed For Petro-Chemical Group

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An agreement for the construction of a complex of petro-chemical plants was signed with the investors at the end of last week by Mr. Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance, and Mr. Pinhas Sapir, Minister of Commerce and Industry. Four factories will be put up at an investment of $16m., of which $6m. will be supplied from Israel sources.

Three groups are participating in the investment:

- **two Israel companies—the Haifa Refineries and the Paz petroleum company;**
- **an American group, including Mr. Max Fisher, of Detroit; Mr. Ralph Wechsler, of New York; Mr. Rudolph Sonneborn (who owns the Israel Sonol firm), and the Israel Investors' Corporation (which recently acquired control of Fertilizers and Chemicals);**
- **a Latin American group including Mr. Yoel Ostrovitch (who is in the chemicals and plastics industries) and Mr. Max Pfeffer (of the paper industry).**

Other investors are the Development and Mortgage Bank and the Israel Discount Bank.

Production is expected to start within two years. The plants will turn out 10,000 tons a year of carbon black (used in the manufacture of tires); 1,500 tons of ethylene; 6,000 tons of polyethylene (for plastics), and 6,000 tons of DDB (used in the production of detergents).

The factories will be built near the Haifa refineries.

Kibbutz Mizra Opens Trefa Sausage Factory

Jerusalem Post Reporter

AFULA. — A factory which will manufacture up to 80 tons a month of non-kasher sausage and other meat products was opened on Friday at Kibbutz Mizra.

The factory will get its meat from the settlement's cattle herds, from its pig farm in Nazareth, and from its poultry farm, and will buy up in the neighbourhood meat which has been declared trefa under ritual slaughter regulations.

The products will be marketed through the kibbutz's own newly opened retail outlets in Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Tel Aviv Stock Markets

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$ LINKED		
3½ Tavel 5	93½	94½
3½ Zmodei 5	83½	83½
4½ Def. Loan	102	102
6 Hous. Loan H	99½	99½
4½ " H	99½	99½
6½ Pal. Electr. 57/64	108½	108
5 Nat'l Oil Co.	92	92
6 K. Hayesod III	98	98½
6 Fert. & Chem.	97½	98½
Local Authorities	100	101
C.O.L. LINKED		
4½ Def. Loan	108½	109½
4½ Hous. Loan A	102½	102½
6½ Pal. Electr. 57/64	123½	123½
6 K. Hayesod III	106½	106½
Local Authorities	109	109½
50%, 30% & C.O.L. LINK.		
6 Industr. Dev. Bank 56½	96½	96½
Pal. Elect.	96½	96½
6 Bank Leumi Inv.	98½	100
ORD. & PREF. SHRS.		
Pal. Elect. Stock	633	633
4½% Pal. Elect. 2nd Pref. Stock	428	434
Bank Leumi "A" Ord. Stock	430	436
Gen. Mort. Bank (new bearer)	423	436
Bank Leumi Invest.	430	430
Rassco Pref.	174½	174½
Otzar Hit. Hayshudit Registered	324½	R365½
Bearer	360½	R365½
Hous. Mort. Bank	194½	193½
Eilern Invest.	415½	423
Africa Pal. Invest.	262½	262½
I.L.D.C.	372½	375½
Ata Ord. "B"	205½	205½
Ata Ord. "B" (new)	195	197
Ata Def. (Reg.)	198½	198½
Mollet Textile	160	164
Phoenicia	129½	127½
Assis & Baj. Bros.	282	277
Pal. Potash	457	470
Dead Sea Found.	263½	270½
Teva	273	279
Pal. Cold Stor.	233	230
Paper Mills	192	189
Alliance	22.50	22.65
Delek	848	865
Delek 11/13	359	369
Jordan Expor.	104	101
Nechushtan	141	144
Fert. & Chem.	131	131½
Dubek	127½	127½
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Lapidoth	4.34	4.21
Naphta	147	147½
Rassco New	160½	160
Shemen	110½	108½

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JDC OFFICER HEADS EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

WASHINGTON (INA) — The Vice-Chairman of the American Joint Distribution Committee, Mr. Harold F. Linder, of New York, was this week-end sworn in as President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Export-Import Bank.

He was appointed to head the Bank by President Kennedy to replace Mr. Samuel C. Waugh, of Nebraska, who served under the Eisenhower Administration.

A Commander in the Navy during most of World War II, Mr. Linder went to London late in the war to serve as a volunteer representative of the Joint with the Reparations Commission and the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees. In 1952, he served as Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs.

The new appointment was unanimously confirmed by the Senate Banking Committee and the Senate.

Notices to the Public

1949 POPULAR LOAN PRIZE DRAWING

The 49th drawing of the above loan will be held tomorrow, March 7, 1961, at 4 p.m. at the Bank of Israel Hall, 49 Rehov Nahlat Binyamin, Tel Aviv.

Admission free.

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Crucial Commonwealth Conference

Shadow of Apartheid Looms Over London Talks

By COLIN LEGUM

LONDON (OFNS). — ALTHOUGH the official attitude is to play down the critical nature of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference — the 11th since the war — which opens in London on Wednesday, there is no mistaking its crucial importance.

It is wrong to suggest, as some wilder reports have done, that the Commonwealth might break up or disintegrate over the major domestic issue that faces it — the continued relationship of South Africa as a Republic within the Commonwealth. Whatever the decision about South Africa there will be no unexpected decisions to walk out — other, perhaps, than by South Africa herself.

Although the Prime Ministers began arriving in London on Saturday — with Dr. Verwoerd leading the way for what is likely to prove an unsettling stay if the anti-*apartheid* movement's elaborate plans are in any way effective — there is still no reliable indication of the likely outcome of the talks.

Taking the Initiative

The United Front of South Africa — comprising the exiled leaders of the banned non-white organisations — has just completed a tour of the African and Asian Commonwealth capitals to sound out opinions on the exclusion of South Africa. Although they were sympathetically received everywhere, not one of the governments was prepared to commit itself in advance. Several indicated they would be prepared to support the move to exclude South Africa provided the initiative was taken by somebody else.

Curiously enough, most of the Afro-Asian members are looking to Canada for a lead. They would prefer it to come from one of the white Dominions. Mr. Diefenbaker is known to have strong views on the South African question. But reports appearing in influential British newspapers suggesting that he has already decided to oppose South Africa's continued membership have been promptly denied.

Nevertheless, there is some evidence to support the view that Canada might turn out to be South Africa's foremost opponent. This view is heightened by deliberately incautious statements by the Prime Minister of Malaya, Tengku Abdul Rahman, who upset South Africa rather badly at the last Commonwealth meeting.

The Tengku admits he has had discussions with Mr. Diefenbaker in Canada on this question, and that the two leaders have conducted a correspondence about what line they should take. His own private belief is that Mr. Diefenbaker will open the attack.

But a great deal will depend on Dr. Verwoerd himself. He has announced in advance that he comes to the conference in no mood of contrition or of supplication. Moreover, he has warned that he will not tolerate any discussion of *apartheid* by the conference. On the other hand, President Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana has announced that he will insist on discussing the implications of *apartheid* for the Commonwealth as a whole.

It is quite possible, therefore, that the storm will blow up over this question rather than over the decision whether to exclude South Africa or not. If Dr. Verwoerd should walk out rather than face a discussion on *apartheid*, the hands of the other members might be forced.

Other Urgent Problems

There is one other possibility — that the debate over discussing *apartheid* might result in no formal discussion on the question of South Africa's continued membership. Since she does not become a Republic until next May, the question of her place in the Commonwealth might be deferred until after that event. The first occasion for it to be raised again would be in 1962, at the next Commonwealth meeting by which time the issue might have resolved itself without any formal decisions.

But although the South Africa question is the one that looms largest over the Commonwealth palaver, there are many other urgent questions to be considered. Cyprus and Sierra Leone, which becomes independent in April, are bound to be accepted as members without much difficulty. A trickier discussion might be expected over the future membership of many of the smaller colonial territories, some of which will achieve their independence within the next few years, and many of which — like the tiny island colonies of St. Helena and Tristan da Cunha — will never become wholly independent, even when they finally achieve self-government.

Besides these "domestic" questions, the assembled Premiers will, as is their custom, survey the international scene as they see it from their many different vantage-points.

A Commonwealth initiative on the admission of China to the United Nations seems almost certain. What is more doubtful is whether the Prime Ministers will be able to agree on a concerted policy about world disarmament.

Both Dr. Nkrumah and Mr. Nehru will seek to secure Commonwealth agreement on policy in the Congo. They are reportedly disturbed about the differences between themselves and Britain. And New Zealand is determined to state her anxieties about the threats to her own economy if Britain should join a European Common Market.

The conference, which will last for at least 10 days, is likely to be the most controversial and possibly the most productive in the long series of Commonwealth meetings.

YESTERDAY'S PRESS

TEACHERS' STRIKE

IN the opinion of **Hatzofe** (National Religious), the teachers' strike is a one-sided exploitation of the political situation. The only real solution, the paper holds, is to continue negotiations. As the Government's appeal to the teachers to defer their strike till Passover has proved abortive, it is the public's duty to voice its protest against the strike openly and unambiguously.

Herut sees no hope of mustering public opinon against the teachers, arguing that if this had been the first or second appeal to defer the strike, the public would no doubt support the Government. But the strike has been postponed time and time again. The paper asks, who can now guarantee that if the teachers heed the Ministry's appeal this time the matter will be settled at the end of Passover? **Ha'aretz** (non-party) counsels the high school teachers to return to negotiations, adding that now that the strike has begun, it will take a very long time to end. But it will end one day and then negotiations will have to be begun. **Kol Ha am** (Communist) holds that the teachers — in both the elementary and secondary schools — are right, and that it is only the Government that is wrong. The paper advises the teachers to join forces and to unite in mutual solidarity with other wage-earners.

Maariv contends that the teachers' demands are just but that the weapon they have chosen to achieve them is unjust. The strike will not make the negotiations with the Treasury any easier and tens of thousands of pupils and their parents will be the first in line to pay the price of the coming political contest. The paper advises the teachers to terminate their strike now.

Analysing the present situation, **Yediot Aharonot** concludes that everyone seems to be reconciled to Mr. Ben-Gurion's leaving the helm—except for Mr. Ben-Gurion himself. Thus it is up to him, by agreeing to do what everyone seems to hope he will do, to save us the trouble of an untimely election campaign and let matters take their normal course.

Economic Matters

Hapoker (General Zionist) criticizes the Finance Ministry's evasion of the persistent rumours of devaluation, thereby increasing suspicion and spreading confusion. It notes that the public is more sensitive than the Finance Minister and does not have to wait for official announcements. If the Minister's studied silence is designed to avert a panic and to prevent a flight from the pound, he has made a mistake.

Davar (Histadrut) fears that our political crisis may blind us to urgent economic problems, especially the need to strike a balance between our industry and agriculture with an eye to foreign trade. The paper warns that our competitors abroad will not sit idly by because we are preoccupied with elections. The negotiations with Greece and the new African countries for membership in the European Common Market is a clear warning signal that we may "miss the train."

If there are to be elections, writes **Lamerhav** (Ahdut Ha avoda), they should take place at the earliest possible opportunity. It claims that a limit should be set on funds used for electioneering and general campaign activities designed to confuse the voter.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) is satisfied with the progress made by our industry but regrets that not enough has been done to prevent it splintering into small industrial units, thereby stimulating unrestricted competition on the home market and preventing economies and the scientific streamlining of production, with consequent harm to our export trade.

PLAYS FOR PARENTS

THE three playlets first presented to an audience of Jerusalem children by Miss Dania Levin's "Urim" Theatre are being staged at the YMCA tonight for adults.

Although this step is probably meant to introduce the work of the group to the parents of its potential audiences, it must be said that the three one-acters in question are in any case more suitable for grown-ups from the point of view of the subject matter. The children present at the performance seen by this reviewer ranged in age from about six to fourteen, and it was clear from the restlessness evinced by the younger ones, and the boisterousness in the interval of the older ones, that the show should have been limited to audiences of over twelve.

One wonders whether Miss Levin would not have been better advised to have presented some scenes from, say, Maeterlinck's "Blue Bird" than either the Spanish or the Russian playlet. Indeed, one could not but ask oneself whether this theatre group is intended primarily for young actors or for a young audience.

Promising Actress

The Spanish play, by Ramon Sender, is based on an incident in the Civil War which, it is true, could have occurred in any partisan struggle. The young Israelis in the audience obviously saw the parallel with their own history in this story of a young girl who refuses to give away the whereabouts of an arms cache. Nevertheless, it is an adult theme for mature minds and none of the three youthful actors were able to meet its dramatic demands.

The second of the three playlets, "Cain and Abel" by M. Chaikes, was undoubtedly the most successful of the three. Miss Levin is fortunate in having found a highly promising sixteen-year-old actress, Carmela Bejio. This young girl brought to the role of Cain an understanding and a pathos worthy of a much older and more experienced actress, and the result was a moving interpretation of a difficult character.

The Russian comedy, "Seventeen Years Old," was well produced and was zestfully acted by a cast of six young people who obviously felt themselves *en rapport* with the characters they were portraying. It also gave Yehiel Oved a chance to show his talent with a guitar and an easy stage manner. *F.D.*

KEEPING POSTED

WHETHER it was the cold and rain that disappeared only at the very last moment, or the general feeling of frustration and boredom induced by the latter end of the "Affair" in all those

people who long ago gave up trying to understand its intricacies — Purim was not a great success this year.

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THE class that absolutely hates Purim, of course, is dogs. They don't like strangers in peculiar flowing garments, nor even members of the family to which they are devoting their lives to smell of strange grease paints and other people's clothes. Most of all they dislike the sound of toy-cap pistols going off just behind their tails. We know a number of humans who feel just the same about it, and wish that Jerusalem could be as effective in banning this menace as Tel Aviv has proved to be.

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THE very modesty of the effort in Jerusalem, where the entire business disarms critics by calling itself a "little parade," is a guarantee that it cannot fail too badly. It is all done by schoolchildren, and the proud parents and little brothers and sisters supply the audience. How badly could it go wrong? Tel Aviv is another matter. When the city was young, and surprised each year that it had survived another twelve-month of threats and troubles, Purim was a spontaneous affair, with all the talent in town pitching in, celebrating the fact that despite the hideous prophecies we were still here. Now Tel Aviv has a Mann Auditorium, a Sheraton Hotel and a traffic problem. It has graduated as a city and the parade is just one of its public duties, like street lighting. Accordingly, someone in the inner chambers of the Council took a decision this year that the "Affair" was not to creep into the floats. To make quite sure, everything even remotely topical was also kept out.

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"THAT's what made it such a bore," says a spectator. "Those great wobbly papier-maché dolls they have every year. Only this time anyone over the age of ten had a hard time placing them right. Some man with a big nose bending over, not a graceful pose, with a thermometer in his hand. If you looked carefully there were also a couple of animals. That's right. Dr Doplittle. And another rather unprepossessing gang turned out to be Treasure Island, the children decided. Then, for a bit of realism we had Flowers of Israel. Green crepe stalks and red crepe petals and then a big flower with three girls in yellow inside swaying back and forth to depict the stamen. Very unsuitable, we thought, if we remember our botany correctly. There were also green crepe stalks with pink petals, yellow petals, white petals etc. Very beautiful the spring flowers in Galilee."

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THE audience couldn't get excited about it. Most of them, of course are just busy capturing a seat and holding on to it and scolding the children because they cry for more peanuts and won't look at the show." It's difficult enough to get to the parade and even more difficult to get away afterwards, but we found it almost as hard to get anywhere else in Tel Aviv. Having been caught in bad jams once or twice the police is now obsessively careful, makes youth bands be in their places five hours ahead and chokes off practically all other traffic. Perhaps by next year we shall be able to face the facts of political life again and we shall no longer have to concentrate on the fairies and the flowers.

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A GUEST at a small restaurant looked down the menu and came across the item often written as "ram steak," but which has nothing to do with lamb or mutton. This rumpsteak, was it any good, or would it be tough? The waiter leaned over confidentially. "Seeing that you have actually asked," he murmured, "it really is pretty tough. I am a Yecke, you see, and I cannot conceal the truth."

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THE producers of "Lawrence of Arabia," who are now in Amman, were unpleasantly surprised to discover that even in Jordan it is a major problem to obtain large numbers of pure-bred Arabian horses. They are now advertising for 5,000 and rather hope that they will come complete with 5,000 horsemen able to appear together with their mounts. The next problem is 5,000

camels, but that appears to be less difficult because a man who owns camels at all nowadays usually owns a whole string. We shall look forward to Alec Guiness in Arab dress, and even more to Kirk Douglas, who was prominent in the Israel film "The Juggler" appearing as a leading Arab.

MARGINAL COMMENT

OUT AND ABOUT

By Ben Kalonymos

THE Kennedy administration has now been in control in the United States for over a month, and it is already possible to sum up the first few weeks of America's new young look. The adjectives which are being bandied about Washington to describe President Kennedy on the basis of his first steps are all positive — energetic, dynamic, a man who imparts motion, a leader with a fresh outlook but still prudent, a cautious activist, a President skilled in and delighted by politics, and a Chief Executive who shows flexibility in foreign affairs.

John Kennedy is already being compared with other "strong Presidents" of modern times such as the two Roosevelts and Wilson. He has electrified all branches of the Government and all grades of the civil service, and he has made his personality and his viewpoint felt far down among the junior ranks where Presidents have not usually penetrated. He has taken to dropping in on staff conferences attended by relatively junior government employees, and is greeted there with enthusiasm by men and women charmed by his humour and wit and amazed by his knowledge of detail. His grasp of detail has also amazed the Washington press corps. At a recent press conference he was questioned about an obscure and almost unknown detail concerning U.S. interest in molasses in Cuba. The vast majority of his newspapermen audience knew nothing of the matter, but the President did, adding to his reply the observation that the molasses in question might end up as gin "which wouldn't exactly be in the public interest."

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AMERICANS like an "outgoing personality," and President Kennedy is an "out and about" President. Before his inauguration he and his attractive wife were party-goers, and now as Chief Executive he hasn't given up going to parties when invited by old friends. He talks well and asks questions to find out what people are thinking, storing away the information for future use. Scores of Washingtonians have been startled when answering their phones during the past month to hear a voice say: "This is the President." Some have replaced the receiver, thinking it was a practical joker, but the phone rings again. It is the President, asking a question or suggesting a line of policy, or simply preparing the ground for a piece of legislation he is contemplating. Such direct communications haven't been known in the District of Columbia for years.

Even Big Business seems to be in sympathy with President Kennedy, in direct contrast to its intense bitterness towards the two previous Democratic Presidents. No hint of personal criticism has been heard. Republican business tycoons appear to have been reassured in part by the business skills represented by the young President's background. While Roosevelt came of a rich family, John Kennedy's father made his own money and is still making it. Business leaders have a nagging feeling that maybe young Kennedy knows what he's talking about when he discusses economic matters.

PRESIDENT Kennedy seems to have tougher going with Congress than he has had so far with the country as a whole. The House and Senate are moving slowly, trying to gauge the feeling in the country before acting. There do not appear to be enough votes in the House to pass two of Kennedy's main legislation planks — Federal aid for education, and a health scheme for the aged. The education measure is complicated by the desegregation issue as well as the question of parochial schools (mainly Catholic) while the health scheme is feared as being the thin end of the socialized medicine wedge. Only if a clear demand develops throughout the country will Congress act on either of these measures. Other favorite Kennedy items, including increased unemployment benefits, social security and conservation measures will be easier to move through Congress. The President seems to be keen on these measures not only for their effect within the country but also because he feels they will show the world that a dynamic democracy can do great things for the country and all its inhabitants. He regards the Tennessee Valley Authority as one of America's great advertisements and would like to see other Valley authorities, established during his administration, to conserve soil and water and produce power for new industries.

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AS a veteran politician, Kennedy knows all the tricks of the trade. His subtle threats to withhold economic benefits from districts represented by Congressmen who oppose him, and his hints of patronage to those who play along with him may shock many observers, but the professional politicians in the United States welcome a strong President. They know the facts of political life and recognize that the threats and hints are all part of the normal mechanism which makes it work. They welcome it, as they know how to deal with it.

Washington won't be surprised when the President's press secretary announces that Mr. Kennedy is about to take a trip about the country, talking in a number of major centres. He has already sent Secretary of Labour Goldberg to areas hard-hit economically, and may follow up Goldberg's trip by one of his own, made especially to dramatize social and economic problems. Such a visit will also further the President's policy of direct contact with the public, in line with his televised press conferences.

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IN foreign affairs President Kennedy is moving more cautiously than he is at home, showing considerable flexibility. His instructions seem to be to play along with the general sense of proposals by other countries, rather than quarrelling with details. In this way he appears to hope to be able to adapt the feelings and desires of other countries to make them further the aims of America itself. It is clear that he is trying to open up a channel for negotiations with the Soviet Union, and with this aim in mind he has had a series of conferences with his key Ambassadors abroad. Other conferences will be held in Washington with visiting State leaders. At the moment all that can be said is that foreign affairs are under continual and constant review at the White House.

Washington, March 3.

Readers' Letters

GREETINGS FROM FRIENDS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — We are glad to have *The Jerusalem Post Weekly* to keep us informed on major events in Israel. Our congratulations on developing a splendid newspaper.

We are finishing up a cottage out on our High Desert of southern California, for retirement living. The climate is pretty much like that of Abda (*Ovdat*) in the southern Negev. We get good water out of valley fills in granite country rock. Solid granite never yields much water for lack of storage capacity but water from sparse rains does accumulate in sand, gravel and boulder fills in deep valleys. We find it with wells. But we must conserve water for it is costly — here, too. But the climate is superb. I am hoping to hear how Professor and Mrs. Even-Ari are making out at Abda on their rejuvenated Nabatean farm.

We hope for a strong realistic Middle East foreign policy on the part of our new administration.

Yours, etc.
W. C. LOWDERMILK
Morongo Valley, California, U.S.A., February 20.

BALFOUR DECLARATION

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The review of Leonard Stein's "The Balfour Declaration" (your issue of Feb. 10), prompts me to draw attention to the decisive part played by Chief Rabbi J. H. Hertz in the negotiations leading to this historic declaration.

The rumours early in 1917 that the War Cabinet intended to issue a declaration of sympathy to Zionist aspirations prompted the Presidents of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Anglo-Jewish Association to write to "The Times" on May 24, 1917, publicly disassociating themselves from the Zionist proposals. Dr. Hertz at once wrote a sharp rejoinder, which was, he said, "my indignant reaction to the attempt ... to strangle the declaration before its birth."

Concerned by the unexpected opposition of Anglo-Jewry's leaders and by that of the only Jew in the Cabinet — Edwin Montague, Secretary of State for India — the War Cabinet invited Dr. Hertz, as spiritual head of British Jewry, to give them his opinion. He replied in unreserved support of Zionist aspirations stating that "the proposed Declaration of H. M. Government ... will mark an epoch in Jewish history ... To millions of my brethren it will mean the realization of Israel's undying hope of a Restoration" and thanked the War Cabinet for "their striking sympathy with Jewish aspirations." He also suggested an amendment in the wording of the draft Declaration submitted to him, which was adopted in the final text.

The clear and affirmative judgement of Dr. Hertz proved conclusive and the Declaration was thereupon issued.

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The former Chief Rabbi, Dr. Hermann Adler, had stigmatized Zionism as an "egregious blunder." It was therefore an act of courage on the part of Dr. Hertz to express a considered opinion entirely contrary to the views vehemently expressed by the official lay leaders of British Jewry. In the words of Paul Goodman, "he proved to be a veritable *Resh Galuta* of the English-speaking Jewish Diaspora."

Nothing, I am afraid, has been done in our State to perpetuate the memory of this great-hearted religious leader. It would be a gracious gesture if official action were taken to rectify this omission.

Yours, etc.
DAVID FREEMAN
Haifa, February 17

COMMEMORATION

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Let us rather perpetuate the memory of the Holocaust by devoting all our energies to creating a Humanitarian Trust for combating disease and clearing slums, than by giving so much of our energy to staging historical trials.

Let us, in fact, do more constructive good, instead of sitting in judgment of evil, and let history take care of itself.

Yours, etc.
ROSA GOLDBERG
Haifa, March 1.

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